

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-454 (PACS B20)

Construction Date: circa 1940

Name: Charles County Board of Education Property

Location: Hughesville School Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Public/Storage/Occupied/Good/Restricted

### Description:

The Charles County Board of Education Property, constructed circa 1940, is a large multi-bay structure originally built as an industrial arts shop for the Hughesville School. The building is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. The shop has a concrete block foundation. The south elevation of the shop has a large plywood door. All original windows and doors have been removed. The east elevation has a series of eight windows that have been closed with plywood. The east elevation also has two exterior chimneys, one brick and one concrete block. The north elevation has a window in the gable end that has been closed with plywood, and the west elevation has twelve windows and one door that has been closed with plywood.

### Significance:

Constructed circa 1940, the Charles County Board of Education Property is an example of a utilitarian building with no formal architectural style. The structure does not retain its historic windows and doors, and has lost its historic associations with the Hughesville School Building, which is no longer extant. According to deed research, the Charles County Board of Education purchased the 2.2 hectare (5.5 acre) lot in 1926. According to a local resident, the building, used for industrial arts, was constructed on the land circa 1940. The parcel associated with the premises was increased to its current size of 27 hectares (6.68 acres) when it was transferred to its present owner, the County Commissioners Office of Charles County, in 1991.

Maryland Historical Trust  
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form  
 MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles County Board of Education Property

and/or common

**2. Location:**

street & number Hughesville School Road  not for publicationcity, town Hughesville  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

**3. Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	storage
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name County Commissioners of Charles County

street &amp; number County Government Building telephone no.:

city, town La Plata state and zip code MD 20646

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 1541

street &amp; number Charles Street folio 231

city, town La Plata state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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There are no outbuildings associated with this property, and no information regarding the interior is available.

The property is located at the end of Hughesville School Road, in a public park with baseball fields. The building is historically associated with the Hughesville School, which was located to the west and which is no longer extant. The building is currently used for lawn care equipment storage. The site is level, and there are residences to the north, south, east and west. The property's setting is the crossroads community of Hughesville.



CONTINUATION SHEET

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2) undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The Charles County Board of Education Property is a secondary school building, built in a utilitarian style to accommodate the instruction of industrial arts. The building is related to traditional school buildings. The most recognizable form of rural school building is a front-gable structure with a 3-bay facade and three windows symmetrically arranged along each side. Such schools commonly had a bell tower located close to the front of the building and a chimney placed at the back of the roof. Most schools also had either a partial shed roof porch supported by wooden posts, or an enclosed entry porch. In most school buildings, the depth exceeded the width. In poorer areas schools were simple structures, often with a side-gable roof, constructed of timber with board and batten siding. These schools usually had only one window in the front and one on each side. They also included an exterior gable-end chimney usually made of stone. Many schools in very remote areas were frequently constructed of logs.

Beginning in the 1870s, a growing number of architects became interested in designing rural schoolhouses. Numerous articles appeared in journals of the period which outlined these designs. They commonly stressed Gothic Revival features and Queen Anne gingerbread woodwork. Such designs reflect the growing idealization of rural life seen in much of the literature during this period. After 1900, some rural schools were built with either bungalow-style or Four-square style hipped roofs, reflecting the influence of contemporary urban building styles. By this time, however, the heyday of the 1-room schoolhouse was over. The first two decades of the twentieth century saw large-scale school district consolidations all across the country brought on by the advent of improved roads and school buses. Today, fewer than one percent of 1-room schools are still in use in the country (Gulliford 1991, 35-45). The Charles County Board of Education Property is a very late example of a vernacular building built for education purposes.



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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-454 (PACS B20)

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See Continuation Sheet

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:           Maryland Historical Trust  
                          DHCP/DHCD  
                          100 Community Place  
                          Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
                          (410) 514-7600

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Social/Education/Cultural

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

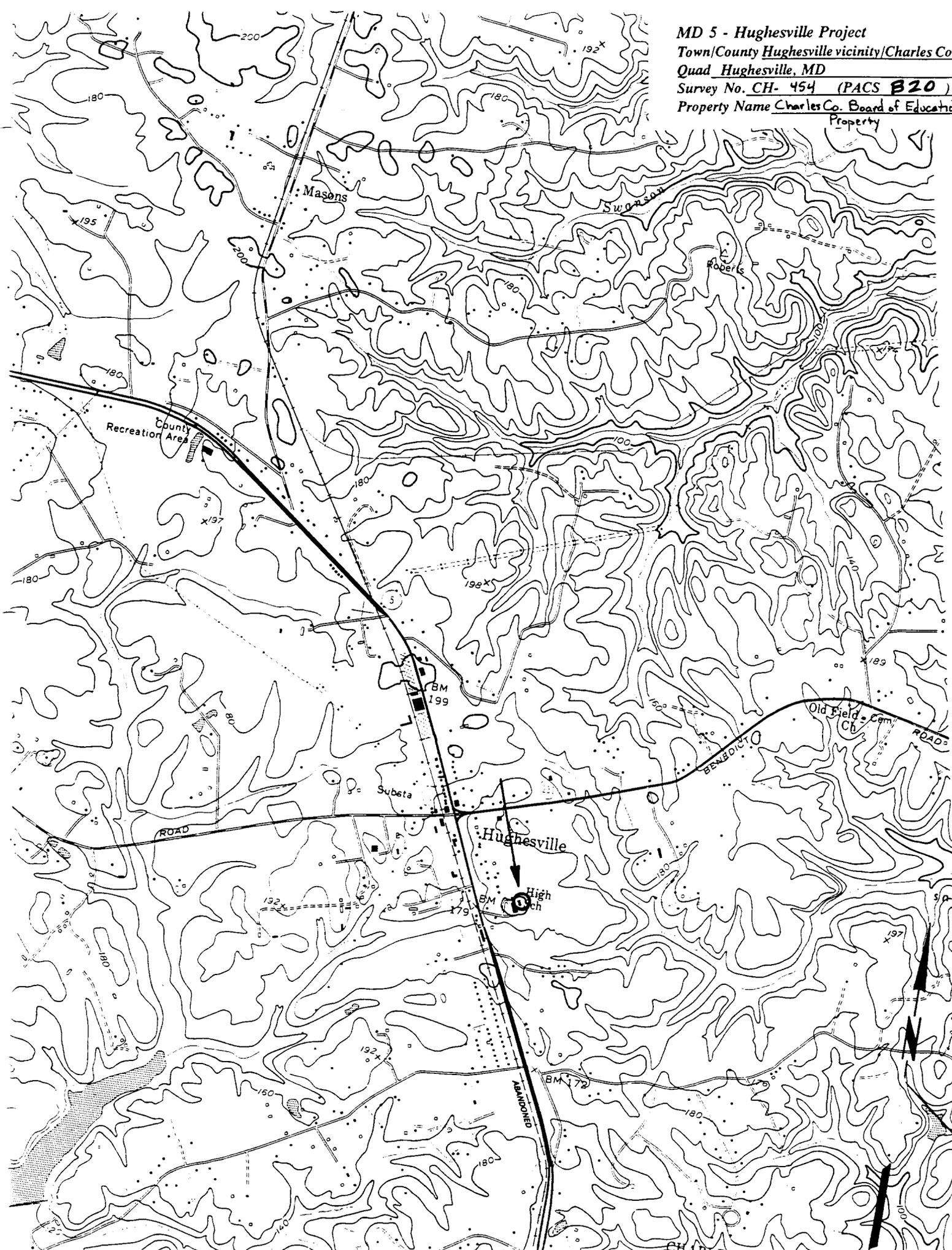
School Building

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
January 1997

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.  
Quad Hughesville, MD  
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